

IN THE CLAIMS

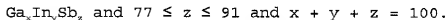
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A rewritable optical data storage medium for high-speed recording by means of a focused radiation beam, said medium comprising a substrate carrying a stack of layers, which wherein said stack comprises, a first auxiliary layer, a second auxiliary layer, and a recording layer of a phase-change material mainly comprising an alloy of Sb and at least one of Ga and In, which said recording layer is being interposed between the first auxiliary layer and the second auxiliary layer, characterized in that wherein the alloy does not include Te and is of a composition in atomic percentages defined by the formula:

Ga_xIn_ySb_z and $70 \leq z \leq 95$ and $x + y + z = 100$; and $x, y,$ and z are not equal to zero, so that the medium may be directly overwritten a linear velocity of more than 10 m/s.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the alloy is of a composition in atomic percentages defined by the formula:



3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the alloy is of a composition defined by the formula: $\text{Sb}_z\text{M}_{(100-z)}$ and M selected from the group of Ga and In and $70 \leq z \leq 95$.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 3, wherein $77 \leq z \leq 91$.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the recording layer additionally contains up to 10 at.% of Ge.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a reflective layer is present adjacent

the second auxiliary layer at a side remote from the first auxiliary layer.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 6, wherein an additional layer is present sandwiched between the reflective layer and the second auxiliary layer screening the reflective layer from a chemical influence of the second auxiliary layer.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the additional layer comprises Si_3N_4 .

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical data storage medium as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the recording layer has a thickness smaller than 20 nm.

10. (Previously Presented) Use of an optical data storage medium according to claim 1 for high data rate recording with a recording speed of at least 10 m/s and an archival life stability of at least 10 years at 30°C.

11. (New) The optical data storage medium of claim 1, wherein the medium has an archival life stability of at least 10 years at a temperature of 30°C.